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Mandate for an Ad Hoc Committee under agenda item 1

"Nuclear Test Ban"

(Adopted at the 637th plenary meeting on 21 January 1993)

In the exercise of its responsibilities as the multilateral disarmament negotiating forum in accordance with paragraph 120 of the Final Document, the Conference on Disarmament decides to re-establish an Ad Hoc Committee under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Nuclear Test Ban".

The Conference requests the Ad Hoc Committee to continue, as a step towards achieving a comprehensive nuclear test-ban treaty, substantive work on specific and interrelated test-ban issues, including structure and scope as well as verification and compliance.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Ad Hoc Committee will take into account all existing proposals and future initiatives. In addition, it will draw on the knowledge and experience that have been accumulated over the years in the consideration of a comprehensive test ban in the successive multilateral negotiating bodies and the trilateral negotiations.

The Conference also requests the Ad Hoc Committee to continue the examination of the institutional and administrative arrangements necessary for establishing, testing and operating an international seismic monitoring network as part of an effective verification system of a nuclear test-ban treaty. The Ad Hoc Committee will also take into account the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider International Cooperative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events.

The Ad Hoc Committee will report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1993 session. This report should include, inter alia, the Committee's recommendations on how the objectives of the Ad Hoc Committee on agenda item 1, "Nuclear Test Ban", should be carried forward most effectively in 1994.

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Presidential statement on organization of work at the 637th plenary meeting on 21 January 1993

(1) There is an understanding in the Conference that, at the outset of its 1993 session, the Conference decides to adopt as its agenda the agenda of its 1992 session, while noting that its on-going consultations on the review of this agenda will be intensified:

1. Nuclear test ban

2. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament

3. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters

4. Prevention of an arms race in outer space

5. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons

6. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons

7. Comprehensive programme of disarmament

8. Transparency in armaments

9. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

(2) The Conference further agrees, without prejudice to any future decisions on the organizational framework of other items, to begin its work immediately on: "Nuclear Test Ban", "Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space",

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"Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons" and "Transparency in Armaments". For this purpose, the Conference establishes Ad Hoc Committees on these items with the following mandates:

- Nuclear Test Ban: the result of the 1992 consultations conducted by the special coordinator on this item (CD/1179);

- Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space: document CD/1125;

- Effective international arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons: document CD/1121;

- Transparency in Armaments: the decision of the Conference on 26 May 1992 (document CD/1150).

(3) The Conference also recalls its decision to intensify its consultations on its improved and effective functioning, including its decision to carry out consultations on the issues of its membership and agenda. For this purpose, I confirm that I shall appoint two Special Coordinators to conduct consultations on the issues of membership and agenda.

Lastly, I understand that it is the intention of interested members to continue their on-going open-ended informal consultations on non-proliferation in all its aspects.